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IMAGERY COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

AGENDA

for

ICRS-M-11 Tuesday, 20 August 1968, 10:00

Room 1G 38 Headquarters

1. Approval of Minutes, 5 August Meeting.
2. Satellite Schedule.
3. South China/North Vietnam Priority List.
(ICRS-D-6/18-91)
4. 1104 Color Requirements.
5. Orbit Select Criteria for [redacted]
6. Orbit Select Criteria for 1048.
7. Indonesia Target Review.
8. Update Target File.
9. Cuba Coverage Map.
10. Other Business.

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NRO review(s) completed.

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1104 - 7 Aug 1968
1048 - 18 Sep 1968
1105 - 30 Oct 1968
1106 - 11 Dec 1968
1049 - 29 Jan 1969

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[redacted] also informed the Committee that a minimum of 30 days notification to the NRO is required to make any changes to a film load, i. e. add or delete color film.

1104 COLOR OPERATIONS

3. The Committee reaffirmed guidance to the NRO for expenditure of the color film on 1104 as follows:

- a. First priority is expenditure against the Holiday and Priority 1 target areas specified in ICRS-D-17/36.
- b. Second priority is expenditure against the [redacted] targets provided the members and NRO by [redacted] August 1968 memorandum plus those targets identified as color requirements during the programming phase of 1104. In addition, special emphasis was asked to be given two of the targets included in the Priority 1 target list, Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site and Sary Ozek IRBM Complex which had special camouflage detection interest.

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SOUTH CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM PRIORITY LIST

4. There were no changes to the South China/North Vietnam Priority List.

5. DIA submitted the weekly report of acceptable data base coverage of high priority targets in North Vietnam. There was no South China coverage during the period.

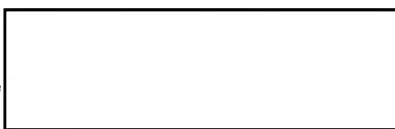
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ORBIT SELECT CRITERIA - 1048

8. The Committee approved the following orbit select criteria for 1048:

- a. Access to whole of Sino/Soviet area including N. Korea.
- b. Multiple access to:
 1. "Holidays" * -- Sino-Soviet area (less Mongolia).
 2. Deployed ICBM Complexes, USSR.
 3. Missile Test Centers at Tyuratam, Kapustin Yar, Sary Shagan, and Shuang Cheng Tzu.
 4. Nuclear Weapons Proving Grounds at Semipalatinsk, Novaya Zemlya and Lop Nor.
 5. Moscow.
 6. Peiping.

* Subject to appropriate adjustment or weighting to account for climatology.

/In response to the Committee addressment of provision for coverage of Czechoslovakia, it was determined that multiple access would be provided for in that the orbital passes would "walk-across" this area./

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CUBA

25X1A 10. [redacted] advised the Committee that COMIREX had assigned him three tasks to do in conjunction with the Santiago Bunker [redacted] resolution requirement.

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1. Procure from the CIA-DIA-State Cuba Team a definitive restatement of the requirement.
2. Reassess the new requirement.
3. Continue to press the NRO for information on available camera systems and their capability.

11. When the above is completed, in conjunction with EXSUBCOM, a recommended course of action will be submitted to COMIREX. /Subsequent report from the CIA-DIA-State Team suspended the [redacted] requirement on this target. COMIREX will be so advised at its next meeting./

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25X1A 12. [redacted] asked what the NPIC criteria was for producing the overlays on CUBAN area coverage. In the ensuing discussion other questions arose concerning tasking the operator, etc., which indicated it would be appropriate to ask NPIC to review their area accounting system, plotting procedures, etc., and have DIA review the operational tasking procedures and expand upon their briefing on this subject, which was previously presented at the 18 June 1968 ICRS Meeting. These presentations will be requested for the next ICRS meeting.

UPDATE TARGET FILE

13. Target updates consisting of: 104 Additions
6 Changes
2 Deletes
1 Reactivate

were distributed for review. Members were given to COB, 21 August 1968, to register objections.

OTHER BUSINESS

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14. [redacted] Briefing

The Chairman advised that [redacted] was not available to brief this week but he would be asked to do so at the next meeting.

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15. Nomination Form

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a. [redacted] stated that the COMIREX had approved the Nomination Form and instructions thereto unless objections were voiced by any Principal prior to close of business Wednesday, 21 August 1968.

b. He advised that the criteria had been objected to by the CIA and that COMIREX had requested ICRS to review new criteria to be presented by the CIA and make further recommendations to the COMIREX on 5 September.

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c. [redacted] distributed a draft of criteria recommended by the CIA (see Attachment 1). In addition, he stated that his Principal was interested in obtaining answers to questions on parts of the nomination form as follows:

- 1) Why the Inactivate and Reactivate entries were omitted when the deleted entry was retained.
- 2) The need for and use of the collection frequency and priority entries.

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d. In response to [redacted] the Chairman stated that inactivates and reactivates could be handled by memorandum or even verbally as long as justification was included to preclude the necessity of filling out a nomination form. Normally, an inactive target is a valid target but is inactivated because the requirement has been satisfied for the foreseeable future, i.e. seasonal coverage, temporary crisis situations, etc. An inactive target retains its COMIREX number identity. A deleted target is defined as a target which has been negated or is no longer required for collection. A deleted target loses its COMIREX number identity and must be submitted as an addition if renewed interest is shown.

DIA commented on inactivates being retained via prioritization - whether the ICRS priority 9 could not be used to retain such seasonal, time-sensitive targets in the CCRL. In this regard, it was pointed out that such a treatment would still result in readout being accomplished on such "non-collection targets".

e. In response to the use of a collection frequency the Chairman stated that he did not envision use of this entry by the Staff because in practically all cases requirements for periodic coverage were stated as a percentage of a category of targets rather than on an individual target.

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DIA noted that USIB requirements more stringent than quarterly exist and provision should be made to accommodate distinction between these. Furthermore, DIA pointed out, the COMIREX objective list is a basis of tasking collection assets other than satellite. In summary, these considerations are very significant.

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On the basis of earlier Committee agreement the priority entry was for the initial submission of the target which could be subsequently changed by the submitting member/organization at any time. The DIA member commented that the priority entry is a step toward establishing a common standard system for prioritization and that as experience is gained from Form utilization, this particular entry, as well as others, may well be changed.

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h. After some discussion on the above aspects of the Nomination Form, the Chairman reminded the members that at this point in time the only part of the Nomination Form to be resolved by ICRS was the criteria which would be on the 3 September agenda. (On 20 August, the CIA COMIREX member raised objections to the Nomination Form and the form was remanded to ICRS by the Office of Chairman, COMIREX and will be added to the 3 September ICRS agenda.)

16. Tyuratam Targets

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[Redacted] presented a list of Tyuratam targets that need resolution of assignment of aiming points, [Redacted] etc. [Redacted] advised he was meeting with DIA the following week and would resolve this problem at the same time.

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Chairman

Imagery Collection Requirements Subcommittee

Attachment: a/s

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COMIREX Criteria
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Collection and Exploitation Actions

Nominations to COMIREX or its subcommittees for national collection and exploitation actions can be of three types: (1) Additions, (2) Deletions, and (3) Changes. To insure effective COMIREX or subcommittee deliberations in arriving at a decision on the member/organization nomination, the following criteria must be satisfied by the submitted member/organization through information provided on the approved COMIREX Nomination Form.

A. Additions

For a new installation, object, area, or activity to be added by COMIREX or its subcommittees for collection or exploitation, the submitting organization must demonstrate it meets the following criteria:

1. Priority Intelligence Need: The requested target addition must be associated with a national intelligence issue or some other intelligence deficiency of priority concern.

2. Imagery Information Potential: Each requested target addition should potentially contain image-derivable information which could satisfy or support the stated intelligence need.

3. Adequacy of Information from Other Sources: It must be demonstrated that the potentially derivable imagery information is not available from or could not be acquired by a more economical source.

4. Cost of Imagery: The cost of collection and exploitation of imagery of a new target must be commensurate with the significance of the contribution of the derived information to intelligence.

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5. Risk of No Action: It must be demonstrated that there are significant risks to the production of intelligence if no action is taken to collect and exploit the imagery requested.

6. Target Definition: The new target must be sufficiently defined to insure its uniform identification and to support meaningful and expeditious handling of its collection and exploitation requirement.

B. Deletions

~~For an installation, object, area, or activity to be deleted from the NIETB or CCRL, it must be demonstrated that the target is nonexistent or no longer of intelligence interest. If a target is found to be nonexistent or no longer meets one or more of the criteria listed above, the target must be deleted or placed on an inactive list.~~

C. Changes

Requests for change in an existing collection (CCRL) or exploitation (NIETB) requirement should be based on the following criteria:

1. A significant change has occurred or an administrative error noted in the collection or exploitation requirement relative to the target.
2. Analysis of information subsequent to the initial requirement nomination has indicated a significant change in the target's identification. The requested change must be adequately defined to ensure uniform target identification and it must be sufficiently documented on the Nomination Form to ensure its meaningful and expeditious handling by the COMIREX or its subcommittee.